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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR JA KS

SUBJECT: SINGAPORE PM COMMENTS ON KOREAN TROOPS WITHDRAWAL AND  
JAPAN-ASEAN RELATIONS

1. AT MAY 31 CONFERENCE WITH JAPANESE PRESS, VISITING PM  
LEE KWAN YEW CHARACTERIZED PLANNED US TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM  
ROK AS "MOMENTOUS MOVE WHICH WILL HAVE PROFOUND LONG TERM  
IMPLICATIONS" FOR ASIA. ALTHOUGH LEE INDICATED THAT EXACT  
IMPLICATIONS OF US WITHDRAWAL WERE NOT READILY DEFINABLE,  
HE STATED THAT IT WOULD CREATE TOTALLY NEW DEFENSE POSTURE  
FOR ASIA IN NEXT FIVE YEARS. REFERRING TO STATUS CURRENT  
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US-PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS, LEE POSTULATED THAT NO  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN COULD PROFITABLY RELY ON CONCRETE US MILITARY  
ROLE IN THE FUTURE. MOREOVER, LEE FELT HE COULD NOT  
EXPECT GREATER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL  
DEFENSE BECAUSE OF CLEAR PROHIBITION AGAINST REARMA-  
MENT IN JAPANESE CONSTITUTION. IN ECONOMIC REALM LEE  
LOOKED FORWARD TO UPCOMING VISIT OF PM FUKUDA TO

ASEAN AS LANDMARK IN JAPANESE ASEAN ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION WHICH WOULD MARK NEW JAPANESE TREND  
TOWARDS INFUSIONS OF NEW CAPITAL AND RAW MATERIAL  
PROCESSING CAPABILITY INTO ASEAN.

2. IN CONCLUSION, LEE SAID THAT MUTUAL ECONOMIC  
BENEFIT OF ALL ASIAN COUNTRIES, BOTH COMMUNIST AND  
NON-COMMUNIST, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO REGIONAL STABILITY,  
BUT QH THE FUTURE OF ASEAN'S DEFENSE POSTURE  
REMAINED A CONDUNDRUM.  
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